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MARION

All units participating in the **Marion Memorial Day Parade** are requested to report to the Music Hall, Front and Cottage Streets, at **8:00 am on Monday, May 26**. All units will be in parade formation no later than 8:45 am.



The Memorial Day Observance will commence with the raising of the Colors by the Benjamin D. Cushing 2425 Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), with the National Anthem played by the Portuguese American Band. After a short ceremony at the Civil War monument, the parade will proceed as follows:

South on Front Street to Main Street; turn west on Main Street then north on to Spring Street, for a brief ceremony at the Marion Town House; after the ceremony, the procession will continue north on Spring Street to Old Landing Cemetery for a ceremony at the gravestone of Benjamin D. Cushing; the parade will continue through Old Landing Cemetery; north on Mill Street to Ryders Lane; east on Ryders Lane to Old Landing Memorial Park for ceremonies at the World War I, World War II, Korean and Vietnam monuments; the parade will continue south on Front Street returning to the Music Hall.

Refreshments will be served immediately following disbanding at the Band Stand on Front Street. All area veterans are invited to participate. Uniforms are not necessary. In case of rain, ceremonies will be held in the Music Hall at 9:00 am.

Captain Robert E. Ellis, US Navy, Retired, a Marion native, has been chosen to be the Grand Marshal of the annual Memorial Day Parade. He is the son of Claude B. Ellis of Converse Road and a graduate of both Sippican School and Tabor Academy, Class of '54. He now resides in Stonington, CT, with his wife Judy. He is the



Left: *Lieutenant Colonel Carl J. Johnson, USMCR, pictured here with his wife Emily, will be the Principal Speaker at this year's Memorial Day Exercises in Mattapoisett, to commence on Monday, May 26 outside the Mattapoisett Public Library. Lietenant Colonel Johnson is a native of Dartmouth, MA.*

Above: *The Marion VFW Post 2424, sponsors of the town's Memorial Day Ceremonies and Parade, have requested Captain Robert E. Ellis, USN, Retired, a native son of Marion to be principal speaker and Parade Marshall for the Memorial Day Ceremonies scheduled for 9:00 am on Monday, May 26. Captain Ellis, a resident of Stonington, CT, is the son of Claude Ellis who resides in Marion on Converse Road. Captain Ellis retired from active service from the U.S. Navy in 1992 after 38 years.*

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father of five children and nine grandchildren.

Captain Ellis served significant tours of duty in USS Hazelwood (DD-531) and USS Barry (DD-933), USS Cascade (AD-16) and USS Orion (AS-18). Captain Ellis' decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with Combat "V" and numerous other personal and unit awards. He is a qualified Surface Warfare Officer.

ROCHESTER

Rochester's Memorial Day Observance will take place on **Sunday, May 25** starting at **12:00 noon** outside the Town Hall on Constitution Way. A procession will travel to Daggett Square on Route 105 for the reading of the names of veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. The event will include presentations from town officials, State Senator Joan Menard, State Representative William Straus, and an invocation from Reverend Dr. Leo Christian of the First Congregational Church. Ceremonies will conclude at the Town Hall where refreshements will be served.

The **Rochester Memorial Day Boat Race** on the Mattapoisett River will take place on **Monday, May 26 at 8:30 am** at Grandma Hartley's Reservoir, Snipatuit Road in Rochester, and finish at the Herring Weir, Route 6 in Mattapoisett.

The **Boat Race Ham and Bean Supper** will be served on the Saturday evening of Memorial Day weekend — **May 24 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm** at the Rochester Memorial School. Tickets for the supper may be pur-

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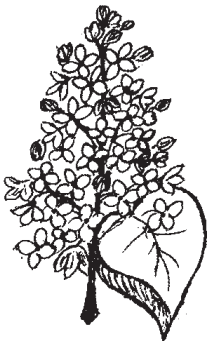
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chased from boat race contestants or at the door. Proceeds from the supper, along with donations, provide the money for the expenses of the race. Trophies and prizes will be awarded Memorial Day at the Rochester Memorial School at 7:30 pm. For further information, please contact Boat Race Chairman Arthur F. Benner at 508-763-2024.

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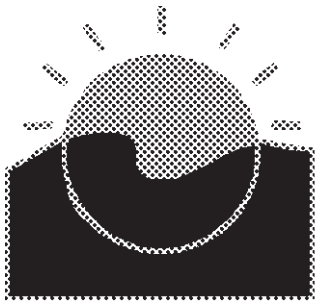
Mattapoisett's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade will commence at **1:30 pm on Monday, May 26** outside the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The program will include:

Pledge of Allegiance (Commander John N. DeCosta); Opening Remarks (Chaplain Michael Lamoureux); "Old Hammondtown March" (Old Hammondtown School Band); Address from State Representative William M. Straus; Memorial Day Message (Barry Denham, Mattapoisett Selectmen and Veterans Agent); "America (My Country 'Tis of Thee)" (Old Hammondtown School Band); "The Gettysburg Address" read by Daniel Wilkey, ORR Junior High School Eighth Grader; "Stars and Stripes Forever" (Old Hammondtown School Band); Principal Speaker Lieutentant Carl J. Johnson; and "The Star Spangled Banner" (Old Hammondtown School Band).

Principal Speaker Lieutenant Colonel Carl J. Johnson was born and raised in Dartmouth, MA. He is a 1978 graduate of Dartmouth High School and a 1979 graduate of the United States Naval Academy Prep School

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in Newport, RI. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Marines upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy in May of 1983. Lieutenant Colonel Johnson completed the Basic School in Quantico, Virginia prior to being stationed in Pensacola, FL for flight training.

In November 1991, then Captain Johnson was transferred to the First Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO), at Camp Pendleton, CA. On Christmas Day 1992 he deployed to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope. Upon returning from Somali Captain Johnson was transferred to HT-18 at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, FL for duty as a helicopter flight instructor. Captain Johnson served as the squadron Safety Depart-



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ment Head and was a standardization pilot in familiarization, basic and advanced radio instrument flight training. He logged over 1200 hours of instructional flight training.

In November 1995 Captain Johnson left active duty and returned to Dartmouth, MA. He entered the Marine Corps Reserve and served for five years with First Battalion, 25th Marines as the Air Officer and Forward Air Controller. In September 2001 he was promoted to his current rank and transferred to the Headquarters Company, 25th Marine Regiment for duty as the Regimental Air Officer. In December 2001 the regiment was activated for one year in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom.

In civilian life, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson is employed by EPG, Inc. He is married to the former Emily Wood of Dartmouth, MA. They have three children Erik (13), Leif (11) and Carly (9).

After the ceremony, Parade Marshal Mike Lamoureux will assemble the marchers and the Memorial Day Parade will proceed to the town wharf for a JROTC Firing Squad Salute to the veterans who lost their lives at sea, then to Cushing Cemetery and back to the American Legion Hall where refreshments for marchers will be served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

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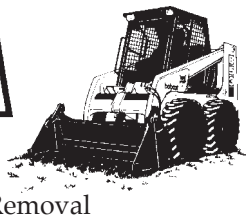
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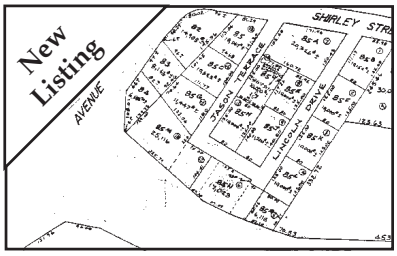
(3964) **Wareham,** Well built 3+ bedroom home on corner lot, large deck with water views, wood/coal stove in living room. Home is in move in condition. Potential in-law setup. **$299,000. Annita Donovan 758-2121**



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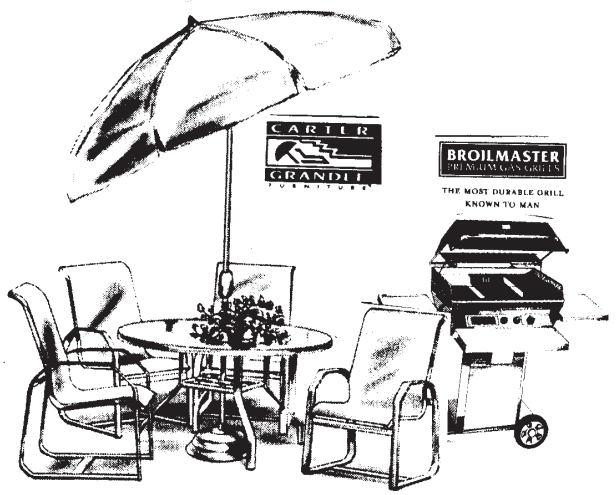
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Mattapoisett was convened on Monday evening, May 19 at 7:00 pm in the newly-renovated auditorium of Old Rochester Regional High School by Town Moderator Jack Eklund having noted the presence of a quorum of some 270 registered voters. After a Salute to the Flag and the singing of the National Anthem by Lisa Denham, there was a moment of silence for departed Town Meeting members, after which Town Clerk Barbara Sullivan read the return of service and Mr. Eklund introduced the town officials present onstage, including the Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel Daniel Perry, Town Accountant Judith Mooney, and the members of the Finance Committee (FinCom).

Mr. Eklund offered some guidelines for how Town Meeting would proceed so as to ensure things kept moving. "If you are not a proponent of an article, we ask you to limit your remarks to three minutes," Mr. Eklund said. "If you wish to speak to an issue for more than three minutes, please let me know."

Mr. Eklund added that speakers should "avoid personalities" and should "limit your remarks to the issue at hand." He also noted that he didn't plan on taking up any new articles after 10:30 pm in keeping with past practice. "For the first time in many years, you have a mere mortal as Town Moderator," he mused, referring to his longtime predecessor William Blasdale. "I'm sure I'm going to hit some bumps so I thank you for your patience in advance."

For the sake of brevity, Selectmen Chairman Barry Denham moved to waive the reading of each of the warrant articles, which Town Meeting voters unanimously approved. Then, FinCom Chairman Richard Gamache gave voters a quick overview of the town's financial status going into Fiscal Year 2004.

"We have $594,627 in Free Cash going into this Town Meeting," Mr. Gamache said. "We'll use $557,035

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for the General Operating Budget, $14,592 for the supplemental budget (to buy-back accrued sick pay from former Police Sergeant Paul H. Magee), and $23,000 supplemental to cover additional town insurance."

Mr. Gamache cautioned that since they were using the bulk of their available Free Cash to balance the budget, it was important to retain as much in the Stabilization Fund as possible. "If the state reimbursements don't come through on the school improvements, we'll need a lot more in the Stabilization Fund," he said.

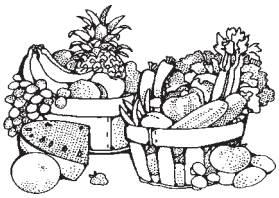
Among the General Fund Items greater than $10,000 on this year's budget: $16,258 in sick time buy-out for Executive Secretary; $17,502 for position change of Town Administrator; $15,160 for position change of Finance Director/Accountant; $11,182 in employee salaries (0 percent increase, but to make up for an extra day in 2004); $29,440 for police cruiser/telephone communications; $17,580 increase in number of building inspections; $42,398 for the local school operating budget (up $42,000, or only 1 percent); $690,250 for the ORR District Operating Budget; $10,000 to cover the pickup contract

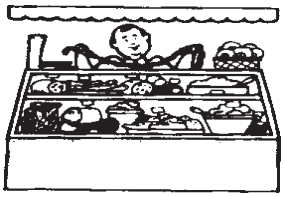
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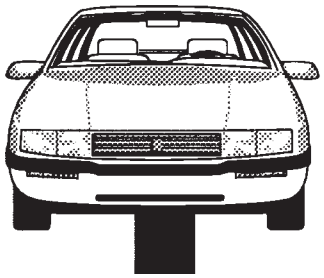


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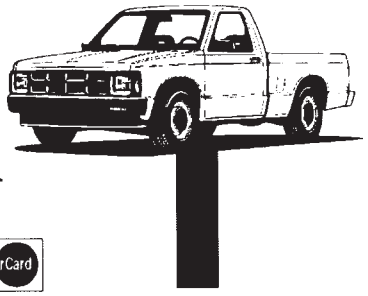
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Under ARTICLE 1, voters were asked to set the following fixed salaries for elected officials for FY 2004: Town Moderator: $200; Board of Selectmen, Chairman: $3,700; Board of Selectmen, Members $3,300 each; Assessors $3,300 each; Town Clerk $35,000; Board of Health $400 each; Highway Surveyor $52,811; Mattapoisett School Committee $400 each; Water/Sewer Commissioner $400 each; Tree Warden $5,831. The article carried unanimously.

Under ARTICLE 2, voters were asked to approve a total $16.102 million General Operating Budget for FY 2004. As is traditional with the Annual Town Meeting, however, voters spent nearly two hours debating and fine-tuning select line items in the budget.

Resident Brad Hathaway first questioned why the town was setting a precedent with buying back unused sick time from Executive Secretary Carol Adams, who will retire in October. "The Selectmen must look at this and set some type of limit," he said. "When I worked, I got five sick days and if I didn't use them, I lost them. I think this is a gross injustice to the taxpayers of this community to pay back sick time when it's not used."

"We allow sick days, and in a government setting people either get paid for sick days by contract or they use their sick days," said Selectman Barry Denham. "An employee that attends work every single day and produces every single day ... should be rewarded."

Resident Daniel Goodman questioned why it costs Mattapoisett some $154,000 for the Treasurer/Tax Collector's office when it costs nearby Rochester' a mere

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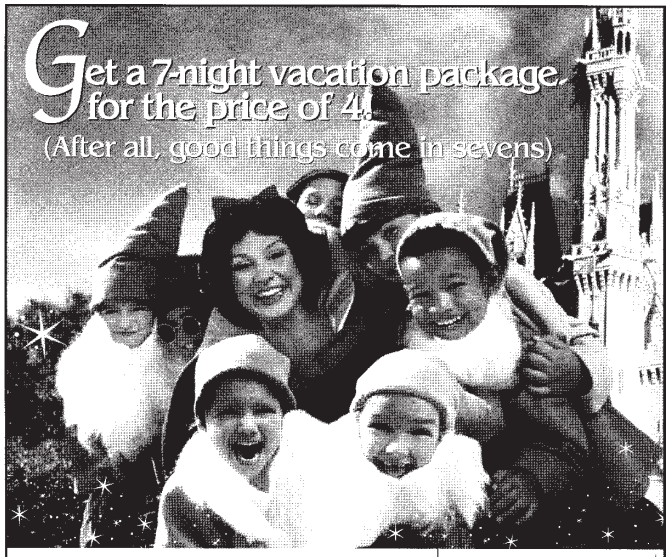
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In questioning the escalating costs of legal expenses, resident Art Schneider asked about the pending judgement against the town brought by former Deputy Fire Chief Paul Lopes. Given that the town's insurance carrier is now defunct, Mr. Schneider said, how is the town preparing to deal with the settlement ordered by the judge?

When Selectman Denham said they were "exploring options at this time," resident Bob Lebreque demanded more of an answer.

"The issue concerning the so-called Lopes case is a decision coming before the Board of Selectmen," Selectman Lombard offered. "The insurance company is in rehabilitation now. In some manner of fashion we're going to have to pay that, whether it's through town funds or the insurance (carrier)."

To that end, resident John Mooney asked if the board was placing blame at the feet of Town Counsel, since they proceeded with the case on his advice.

"We are in discussions with the firm of Kopelman and Paige, who are the agents of the (Lopes) case, and it's

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upon their recommendations that we'll be moving ahead," Selectman Andrews said.

"There were two cases ... the first of which did not seek any monetary damages, but just sought declaratory relief," Town Counsel Daniel Perry said. "My firm brought a motion to dismiss that claim which was pending when a second case was filed ... which created an insurable claim at which time it was handed over to the (town's) insurance company."

There was a great deal of discussion and debate over the fact that the funding for a part-time Conservation Agent — which had been approved previously by Town Meeting voters — was being placed on a Proposition 2-1/2 override instead of being included in the General

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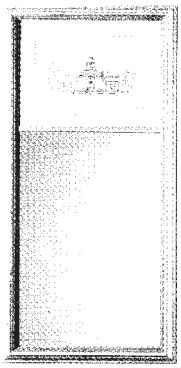
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"I got the feeling this would be a permanent position," said resident Bill Fuchs. "Could you help me understand why this is coming under an override instead of part of the regular budget?"

Selectman Denham said the board decided to place this "new" position on an override because "we're asking other departments to work without a pay increase. We don't think it makes a good precedent to fund a new position (this year) that we haven't funded in the past, even if it is part-time."

"Putting this question on an override is like putting trash collection on an override," said Brad Hathaway. "This should be part of the budget. To me this is not a new position. We voted this position last time around. The only thing that's new is it's going to last a year instead of six months. Here we have a chance to make a difference in this town with an agent serving a commission that at public hearings has stated it doesn't have the time or expertise."

As such, Mr. Hathaway motioned to take the $16,000 to fund this position from the excess money available for legal expenses related to The Regatta development.

FinCom Chairman Gamache protested that money had been earmarked for Article 4 to fund the landfill study. "The FinCom always felt this position should pay for itself," he said. "We always felt this position should be self-sufficient."

"It seems to me from past Town Meetings that we want a Conservation Agent," agreed Blanche Perry. "Ultimately, we're going to pay for it, so why not just put it in the budget?"

Mr. Hathaway's motion, however, came to an impasse when it was deemed there was only some $11,000 remaining in the Regatta legal account. They needed to find an additional $5,000 to fund the Conservation Agent.

"We don't have $16,000 in the fund, so I suggest we give (Mr. Hathaway) another chance to move the amount from available funds," said Town Counsel Daniel Perry.

Selectman Lombard suggested the $16,000 be taken out of the Stabilization Fund and take Article 15,

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which would fund the part-time Conservation Agent, out of order. After Mr. Hathaway first moved to use the remaining $11,000 in the Regatta legal account and siphon another $5,000 from the Stabilization Fund to come up with the needed $16,000, resident Richard Dupuis suggested the whole $16,000 be taken from the ambulance receipts account instead.

"While I respect the motion and feel we do need a Conservation Agent, I have to speak against taking it out of ambulance receipts," said Police Chief Mary Lyons. "That was a fund we were supposed to be utilizing to fund the ambulance. It's our responsibility to fund the ambulance and that's what the money is supposed to be for."

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Under ARTICLE 3, voters were asked to appropriate an additional $201,360 to the ORR School District to cover additional utility costs at the high school, subject to a Proposition 2-1/2 override vote at the ballot box. The measure was swiftly passed with little discussion, 166 in favor to 77 opposed.

But ARTICLE 4, which asked voters to appropriate $10,000 to fund a Request for Proposal (RFP) to explore alternative uses for the town's santiary landfill, wouldn't have it so good.

According to Mark Estes, Chairman of the Landfill Study Committee, they were seeking $10,000 to look into alternate sources of revenue for the town which could generate anywhere from $10 to $20 million annually.

"The Board of Selectmen and Board of Health have been approached by different companies about reopening the landfill," Selectman Denham said. "We would hope the money (generated) could be earmarked for capital projects."

"We need to look at what our options are," added Selectman Lombard. "I envision that this money would be used to offset the town's debt. To not look at options is criminal. This is an avenue among many avenues that we should explore."

But a grass-roots coalition of residents sharply opposed the article and, in turn, the potential reopening of the landfill. "This was supposed to be a study of landfill alternatives ... it seems to be focused solely on financial needs," said Richard Bates, during a PowerPoint presentation which suggested how reopening the landfill could potentially contaminate the town's water supply. "I think we owe it to people to have good, clean water come out of their faucets. It is not to be used as some 'quick

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Resident Steve Clapp also pointed up the rising levels of manganese and iron already present in the town's wells — a situation which could only get worse if the landfill were again in operation. "All of the Mattapoisett wells exceed the state and federal recommending (drinking water) levels," Mr. Clapp said.

After a motion to "move the question" passed, 151 to 1, ARTICLE 4 was resoundly defeated, 15 in favor to 142 opposed.

The second night of Town Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm by Mr. Eklund, having noted the presence of a quorum. Voters resumed with ARTICLE 5, which would establish a revolving fund account not to exceed $35,000 for the town's Recreation Committee as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws (MGL). The article passed unanimously.

Under ARTICLE 6, voters were asked to appropriate $37,592 to supplement the FY2003 budget, to wit: $14,592 for Police Department Sick Time Buy-Out for former Sergeant Paul Magee; and $23,000 to cover addi-

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Under ARTICLE 7, voters were asked to amend the town's General By-Laws to include a new description of the full-time Town Administrator's position, to make the description "gender neutral." The article passed unanimously.

Under ARTICLE 8, voters were asked to amend the town's by-laws to change the date of the Annual Town Meeting from the end of May to the second Monday of May and also change the Annual Election to the following Tuesday.

"This would give the sitting Selectmen the opportunity to work on any articles throughout the year," Selectman Lombard said. "With this proposed by-law, you the voters would have the opportunity to hear what the Selectmen have to say prior to the (election). This way you are voting not only on who should serve in office, but on where they stand (on issues)."

Article 8 passed via majority vote, 165 to 15.

Under ARTICLE 9, voters were asked to amend the town by-laws to establish an Assistant to the Town Administrator position. "The (Personnel Board) felt strongly the position should be 'Assistant to the Town Administrator' rather than 'Administrative Assistant,'" said Personnel Board Chairman Bert Theriault. The article passed unanimously.

Under ARTICLE 10, voters were asked to appro-

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Article 10 passed via majority, 178 to 2.

Under ARTICLE 11, voters were asked to appropriate $21,000 to install a water main with appurtenances on Pico Beach Road. "This article is to fund the installation of approximate 600-feet of water main with fire



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hydrant," Mr. Nicholson said. "This is to replace existing lines, it's not a brand new installation." The article passed unanimously.

Under ARTICLE 12, voters were asked to create an unpaid District Water Planning Committee to consist of three members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of studying with similar committees in the Towns of Fairhaven and/or Marion, and the advisability of establishing a Regional Water District Commission to construct and operate water treatment and other water service facilities for its member towns, to be funded with $38,000 from Water Retained Earnings.

"The purpose of the article is to form a committee to see if the town wants to join with Marion and Fairhaven in a regional water district," Mr. Nicholson said. The article passed unanimously.

In other matters, Town Meeting:

• Voted to adopt MGL, Chapter 140, Section 139, so that pet owners over the age of 70 do not have to pay for a dog license (ARTICLE 13). "I feel that allowing them to license their dogs ... is a nice gesture on our part," said Town Clerk Barbara Sullivan.

• Tabled via a 138 to 67 vote a proposed amendment of the town by-laws to adopt a revised "Wetlands Protection By-Law" under ARTICLE 14 pending fine-tuning of the by-law to give more enforcement authority to the town's Conservation Commission.

• Amended the town's by-laws under Article 21 for various "Harbor Fines," as proposed by the Marine

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Advisory Board (MAB) and Harbormaster Steve Mach under ARTICLE 16. "We're deleting the old rules and a lot of these have not changed at all," Mr. Mach said. "A lot of regulations were pretty drastic. Consequently, you really had to abuse a rule for us to be able to enforce it."

• Appropriated $15,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund for general maintenance repair to the wharves (ARTICLE 17).

• Tabled ARTICLE 18, upon a motion from Harbormster Steve Mach, which would have requested to transfer 100 percent of collected boat excise tax into the town's waterways account.

At press time, voters were still discussing and debating the fate of ARTICLE 20, which asked to table

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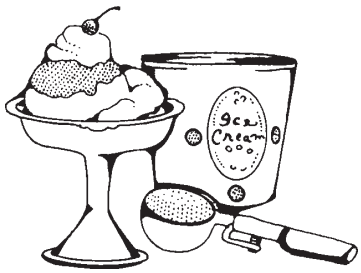
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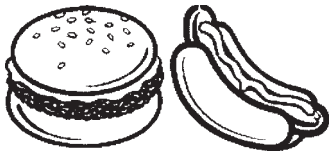
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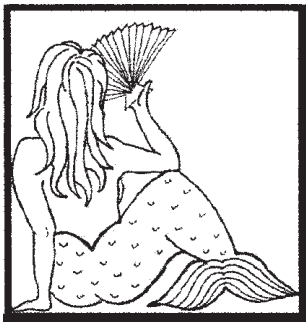
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plans to construct any portion of the proposed Mattapoisett Bike Path until, when and if the town is provided with well-documented verifiable information on the project. The article was brought forth via a signed petition of 120 residents. An amended version of the article was being considered at press time, after hearing lengthy presentations from both petitioners and Bike Path Study Committee Chairman Steve Kelleher, who noted: "The Bike Path Committee has no problem coming before Town Meeting to present the costs."

There was also a plea from State Representative William Straus, who expressed his disappointment that a project which should benefit everyone in town has caused so much division. "This further amendment works to bring both sides together, I hope," Representative Straus said.

Rochester Selectmen's Meeting

May 19, 2003

By Patricia Aleks

A regular meeting of the Rochester Board of Selectmen was called to order on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 pm by Chairman pro-tem Richard Nunes. Also present were Selectman Gary Laboa, Town Administrator James Huntoon, and Administrative Assistant Veronica Lafreniere. Selectman Naida Parker was not present for the meeting.

The board first unanimously approved the

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minutes of the May 12 meeting and then appointed Gary Sherman to the open seat on the Park Commission for the term ending in April 2004. The board also appointed Kevin Cassidy and Paul Stubbs to the Rochester Water Study Committee.

The first appointment of the evening was with the Country Fair Committee. The board appointed the committee and the staff as presented to the Selectmen. The Rochester Country Fair will take place on August 20 - 24, 2003. The first event of the Fair will be a Town Ball Game between the Fire Department and the Police Department on Wednesday, August 20. Friday evening, August 22 will be the Woodsman Show. Saturday, August 23 will be Country Fair Day with many homegrown

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events throughout the day including an antique tractor pull and tractor show, a block dance and a bon fire. Sunday brings the "Life on the American Farm" Parade starting at 10:45 am. A dog show demonstration will take place Sunday afternoon.

The committee requested funding from the town for additional insurance coverage beyond the town's policy and to cover police details. The board moved and approved that the Country Fair Committee be assured they will receive funding appropriate for insurance coverage. There will be no parking allowed on the Fair grounds during the weekend. Parking will be at the Dexter Lane and Mary's Pond ball field with shuttles available to transport visitors to the fair. The committee will continue offering scholarships of $500 to ORR and Old Colony graduates. The board thanked the committee for the update and wished them great success.

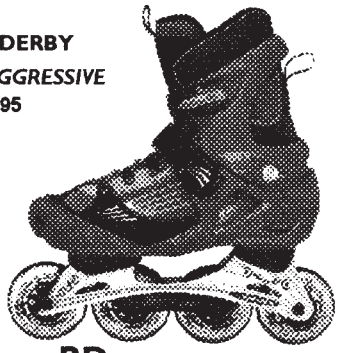
The next appointment of the evening was with former Selectman Richard Cutler to discuss the final payment of $18,000 for the Police/Communications Building Project. Mr. Cutler expressed concern regarding the flooding problem in the basement of the facility. "We paid (the architect) to come up with a fix and the problem still exists," he said. After some discussion it was decided to discuss this further at the June 2 meeting when Selectman Parker will be present.

At last week's meeting the board voted 2-1 in favor of a 2 percent cost of living increase for all town employees on the FY 2004 General Operating Budget.

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Selectman Nunes stated it has since been brought to the board's attention that they had previously voted a 3 percent increase in March 2003. "The proper thing to do is to rescind the vote from the last meeting and let the previous vote stand," Selectman Nunes said. It was therefore moved and unanimously approved to rescind the vote of a 2 percent cost of living increase for town employees.

Linda Guthier and Susan Adams presented a letter of concern regarding compliance of the cell tower located in town. They are attempting to determine what board in the town is responsible to enforce the by-law regarding the tower. Mr. Huntoon will contact Town Counsel Dan Perry for a determination of the



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enforcability of the by-law.

The next scheduled appointment was with concerned Braley Hill residents. There is an ongoing problem regarding a resident of Freetown using a Rochester road to bring in and out 30-40 heavy construction trucks a day to his business. The residents said that this use is in violation of town by-laws, as he is not "running a quiet little business" per Donald Jones. The board agreed that because he is in another town, and in fact another county, that it is difficult to control. Mr. Huntoon will contact Town Counsel Blair Bailey and request that he attend the June 2 Selectmen's meeting to hear the concerns of the residents and then Mr. Bailey can best determine how this matter should be handled. The residents indicated that this has been going on for 18 months and they want it resolved.

The board next reviewed and approved the warrant for the June 9 Annual Town Meeting with the Finance Committee's recommendations. In regards to Article 3, it was noted that the town employee increase reflected in this warrant indicates a 2 percent increase while the board has requested a 3 percent cost-of-living increase. The necessary amendment and discussion will take place on Town Meeting floor regarding that.

There being no further matters to come before the board, they unanimously voted to adjourn for the evening at 9:00 pm.

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The purpose of MCTA is to promote tennis programs and activities for youngsters and adults and to maintain and improve public tennis courts in Mattapoisett. Contributions are tax-deductible and should be sent to: **Carleton Burr, Treasurer, MCTA, 27 Ned's Point Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739**. Membership is $10 and is required for all adults and encouraged for parents of children participating in MCTA programs. Registration forms will be available at the ORR courts on Sign-Up Day, May 24. Make checks payable to: MCTA. Scholarships are available for qualified students. For further information, please call **Bob Brown at 508-758-6258**.

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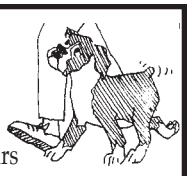
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• Tennis Lessons for Adults (doubles skills and strategies clinic - groups of four players) at ORR Tennis Complex. Session I: Level - Advanced Beginners and Intermediate. Group 1 - Mondays & Wednesdays, June 9 to June 25, 5:00 to 6:30 pm and Group 2 - 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Cost: $ 72/session. Make checks payable to: Robert Hohne (508-748-9081). Session II: Level - Beginner to Intermediate at ORR Tennis Complex. Group 1 - Tuesdays, July 1 to August 5, 4:00 to 5:00 pm and Group 2 - Thursdays July 3 to August 7, 4:00 to 5:00 pm. Cost is $ 60. Make checks payable to: Robert Brown (508-758-6258).

• Private Tennis Lessons (one or two students) at Center School, Mattapoisett courts, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, July and August, by appointment. Please call Bob Brown 508-758-6258.

• Fourth Annual Intermediate (NTRP Rating 3.0 to 4.0) Open MCTA Tennis Tournament on July 19 and 20. Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Entry fee: $5 (members) and $15 (non-members). Women's/Men's Singles; Women's/Men's Doubles; and Mixed Doubles. Please contact Bob Brown at 508-758-6258.

• Seniors Drop-In at ORR Tennis Complex. Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Begins June 10 and runs through October. Organized by Jane and Adrian Lonsdale, 508-758-2360.

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• Youth Swimming Lessons - $30 (Marion beach sticker number required, must be four years old on June 1 to register, birth certificates required for four-year-olds);

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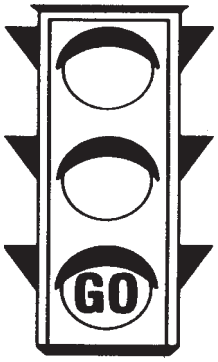
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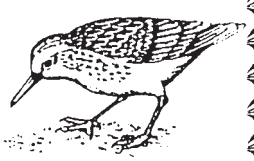
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Children *do not* need to be present to register. All fees must be paid by check made out to "Marion Recreation, P.O. Box 359." Beginning May 23, information and registration forms will be available in the Marion Recreation Display hanging on the wall of the lobby in the Elizabeth Taber Library, Spring Street in Marion.

Little Harbor Women's Golf

On May 14, the **Little Harbor Country Club Women's Golf Association** held a **Best Ball Tournament**. The results were as follows:

• First Place: **Verne Ewer**, **Vi Santoro**, **Jone Holway** and **Joyce Dalton**;
• Second Place: **Lori Mello**, **Carol Barufaldi**, **Helen Ritchie** and **Vivien Gallerani**;
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First, I'd avoid letting your cat play with a simple piece of string. If he plays with string when you are not present and swallows some, it may require intestinal surgery to remove it.

If your cat requires more play time than you can provide, consider adopting a kitten. There is no guarantee that they will get along but since your cat is still young he will probably gladly accept a new playmate. Cause for Paws in Mattapoisett and Champs Shelter in Wareham as well as the Animal Rescue Leauge in New Bedford have many kittens available for adoption at this time of year.

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• **August –** Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3: Buzzard's Bay Regatta at New Bedford Yacht Club; Wednesday August 6: Second Race Wednesday Night August Series; Wednesday, August 13: Third Race Wednesday Night August Series; Friday, August 15: MYC rendezvous at Oaks Bluff (fireworks, cocktail party on Commodores boat); Tuesday, August 19: Second Race Tuesday Portsmouth Race; Wednesday, August 20: Fourth Race Wednesday Night August Series; Saturday, August 23: 100 MILE RACE; Wednesday, August 27: Fifth Race Wednesday Night August Series Race; Wednesday, August 27: Cookout at Clubhouse after last race.

• **September –** Wednesday, September 3: Third Before and After Race; Saturday, September 6: Quissett Yacht Club Round the Bay; Wednesday, September 10: Fourth Before and After Race; Saturday, September 13:

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The Wanderer is once again soliciting nominations for our tenth annual "Wanderer Keel Awards." The yearly honor — which is presented to one resident from each of the three central towns in our circulation area — will be announced in our June 5, 2003 issue and each winner will be the subject of a short feature highlighting their contributions to the local community. But *The Wanderer* needs your help in selecting these "unsung heroes."

The requirements are simple. Nominees must be legal residents of Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester (at least five years), and must have contributed in some way to the overall benefit of the community — either directly to town residents, or indirectly through efforts in promoting town activities, or working to keep the wheels of local government well-oiled. The only restriction is that these persons cannot benefit from their efforts in any other way — either financially or politically (hence, sitting elected officials are not eligible).

In doing this, we hope to applaud those who are rarely recognized for their countless hours of service and focus on the many people "behind the scenes" who remain otherwise anonymous but provide crucial support to many town functions. Like the keel of a ship which keeps the vessel from capsizing, the recipients of the Annual Wanderer Keel Award will be recognized for their stalwart efforts in keeping the community on an "even keel."



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• ROCHESTER – Joseph McCarthy (1994); Jean Fennell (1995); Katherine Hartley Church (1996); Chris Byron (1997); Albert Alderson (1998); Arthur and Aline Lionberger (1999); Kenneth E. Daggett (2000); Georgia D. Chamberlain (2001); Mary P. Wynne (2002).

Please send the name, address and telephone number of recommended nominees, along with a brief description of their key contributions to the community and why you feel they are deserving of this honor to: **Keel Award, *The Wanderer*, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739**. The deadline for nominations is **Monday, June 2, 2003 at 1:00 pm**. Selected recipients will be contacted by telephone on Tuesday, June 3 prior to being announced in the June 5 issue. Staff members of *The Wanderer* and employees of Wanderer Communications are not eligible for consideration.



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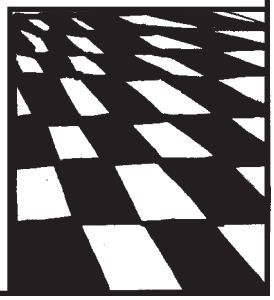
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To the Editor:

We read everyday how, because of the constraint in the economy, hard decisions are being made at the State House on how to balance the state budget. Reductions in state aid are anticipated to put similar constraints on our local town budgets. We now need to reflect very seriously on our spending priorities.

Proposition 2-1/2 has been with us for a long time now — the initiative voted November 1980 brought taxpayers greater control over municipal spending. Proposition 2-1/2 has become a way of life. The problem is that wage earners have become accustomed to earning raises 3 or 4 percent more each year while maintaining health care benefits at consistent levels despite the fact that the premiums often go up 15 percent per year. This puts municipalities in an untenable position. You can only cut so much paper!

Eventually, if you are limited to a 2-1/2 percent increase plus growth each year, but you need to spend 4 percent per year, you will run out of money. We are seeing that now. Town growth has often been able to make up the difference between our wants and needs and our available revenue. That occurred because of the long period of expansion. Our local expansion is now contracting because of economic conditions. So, how do we fund what we need in our communities?

It is important for us to remember that these are *our* communities! We get to have input on the type of community we live in. Taxation *with* representation is what we have. Go to Town Meeting. Have a say. Go to the polls. Have a say. Sometimes people forget that Proposition 2-1/2 is arbitrarily set.

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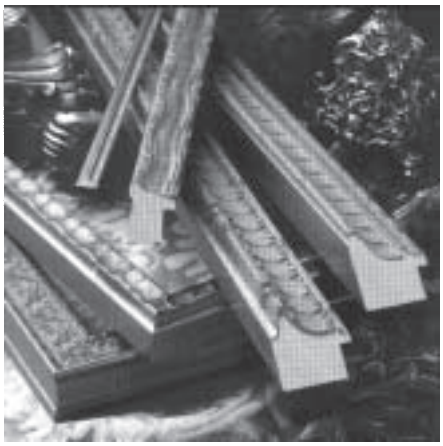


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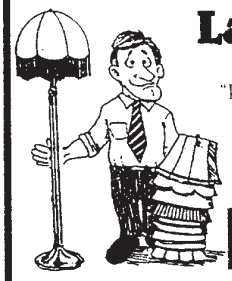
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In the tri-towns, we voted that it was time to renovate some schools and to take advantage of the state's generous reimbursement rate available at the time. Many towns across the state were not able to get their renovation projects on the reimbursement list. Old Rochester Regional (High School) is nearing completion and, as expected, utility costs are going to be greater that they used to be when the squre footage was only half of what it is now. This has come at a difficult time for the towns, given the contracted economy and reduced state aid to the towns. It requires an increase in taxes to maintain the high level of achievement that we have come to expect. If the override does not pass in two of the three towns, it will mean $500,000 of cuts to programs that have already seen dramatic cuts. On the positive side, while many cuts have occurred, we have not seen any significant teaching cuts. Low class size is one of the few things that the experts agree leads to higher student achievement. Maintaining our teacher/student ratio is vital to a responsible educatinal offering to our future taxpayers.

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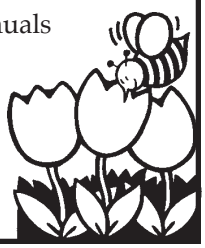
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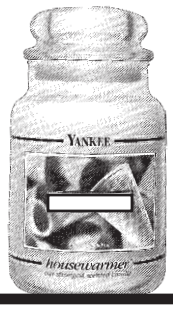
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emerge if voters fail the override, but Rochester voters pass it (Marion already passed it with a 2-1 margin). In this scenario, Mattapoisett would have to fund the ORR budget anyway and make cuts in the remainder of the town's general operating budget to do so. Selectmen have said that approximately 3 percent would need to be cut from each remaining town department to come up with Mattapoisett's share: $201,360 for ORR. This would likely result in $100,000 or more in cuts to the K-6 local school budget which can ill afford cuts given the budget reduction which occurred last year. All departments involved in the operation of the town would also feel the resulting reduction as we, as a community, would feel the effects.

Mattapoisett recently had a resident who does not support overrides win a seat on the Board of Selectmen. He has pointed to his experience in keeping costs down in Norton where he was Town Manager. The problem is that Norton is one of those communities which looks to Mattapoisett with envy. The town is on the outside looking in on state reimbursement to renovate their schools. They have bigger class sizes that we are used to and their MCAS scores are not even close to ours. Wanting to pay lower taxes is natural, but we should be careful what we wish for. Norton's problems were covered in *The Boston Globe* in a recent Sunday edition. They are now faced with paying for repairs to their schools on their own to fix the roof and remove asbestos, among others. They expect to have even larger classes through the reduction of 21 staff members.

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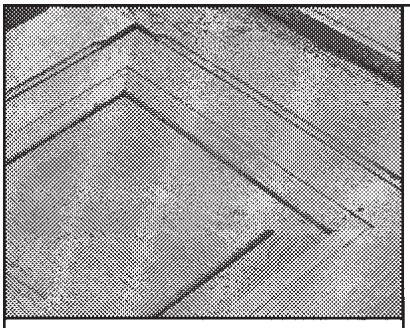
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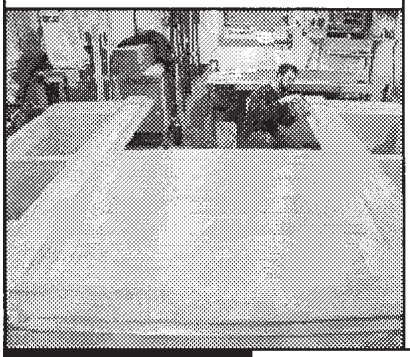
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ORR Creative Arts Night

The Old Rochester Regional Junior and Senior High School's Art Department will be hosting a Creative Arts Night on Wednesday, May 28 beginning at 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm in the high school front lobby and auditorium hallway. Miss Meghann Catlin and Ms. Jeanne Hong will feature an Art Show with art works created by both junior and senior high school students. The Music Department will be hosting the gold medal award winning ORR High School Jazz Band and the Junior High Jazz Band, who will perform throughout the evening, along with a local rock and roll group, The Rushmores, which is comprised of senior high school students. The English Department will sponsor a Poetry Slam, with readings

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• May 27 - June 2 – Senior Final Exams, report to cafeteria as follows:

Tuesday, May 27 – 7:35 to 9:05 am: Day 1, Block 4; 9:15 to 10:45 am: Day 2, Block 2;

Wednesday, May 28 – 7:35 to 9:05 am: Day 1, Block 2; 9:15 to 10:45 am: Day 2, Block 1;

Thursday, May 29 – 7:35 to 9:05 am: Day 2, Block 3; 9:15 to 10:45 am: Day 1, Block 1;

Friday, May 30 – 7:35 to 9:05 am: Day 1, Block 3; 9:15 to 10:45 am: Day 2, Block 4;

Monday, June 2 – 7:35 to 9:05 am: Make-Up Exams.

• Tuesday, June 3 – Senior Prom, 6:00 to 10:30 pm at the Park Plaza in Boston, MA. Promenade starts at 4:30 pm at the high school;

• Thursday, June 5 – Mandatory Rehearsals for Senior Assembly and Senior Awards Night, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. One-hour break from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm.

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The Matrix Reloaded. **Starring Keanu Reeves, Laurence Fishburne, and Carrie-Anne Moss. Directed by the Wachowski Brothers. Running time: 138 minutes. MPAA rating: R. At AMC Cinema 12 at the North Dartmouth Mall and Flagship Cinema 12 in New Bedford.**

There are two ways of looking at *The Matrix Reloaded* (and, by extension, its 1999 predecessor): Either it's a film of ideas disguised as an action flick, or an action flick disguised as a film of ideas. The general public, I suspect, will not be drawn to this long-awaited sequel just to hear philosophical notions bandied about, though hear them it will. No, the honest response to a *Matrix* film is also twofold: Either the movie kicks ass or it doesn't. As someone who was rather dismissive of the original movie, I can report that *Matrix Reloaded* does indeed kick whatever is put in front of it, at least on the level of comic-book/anime/techno-dweeb escapism.

We pick up Neo (Keanu "I still know kung fu" Reeves) and his un-merry band of rebels — stoic Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne), PVC-clad Trinity (Carrie-Anne Moss), newbie Link (Harold Perrineau) — in their continuing resistance against the Matrix, a machine-generated code programmed to keep humans in unwitting bondage while using their energy for computer fuel. Interestingly, Morpheus, an unquestionable hipster sage in the first film, here is revealed to be just one voice among many in Zion, the underground city where the last free humans take shelter. Not everyone, it seems, takes Morpheus' prophetic shtick as seriously as he himself does, though it's a measure of this largely humorless film (Joe Pantoliano's wise-guy Cypher is missed) that nobody tells him "Dude. There are other people besides you. Try some decaf."

Brothers Andy and Larry Wachowski crafted a reasonable shiny-black diversion with *The Matrix*; I wasn't as impressed by it as many others were, but I can see the appeal of it (mainly, it's a computer geek's wet dream: if you spend most of your waking life pushing floppies in and out, you might get chosen to be a kung-fu hero and get jiggy with Carrie-Anne Moss). The brothers, however, seem to have caught the George Lucas disease — they've become too smitten with the perfume of their own borrowed ideas (not only from pop culture but from philosophy — Lucas had Joseph Campbell, the Wachowskis genuflect towards Derrida and Baudrillard). Maybe they read too many furrowed-brow essays on The Phenomenology of The Matrix.

Whatever the case, every twenty minutes or so, we get an action sequence (more on those in a minute) designed to outdo everything else ever; between the money scenes, we get characters standing at attention and burping prophecies and deep thoughts at each other. Whenever a new character called the Keymaker (Randall Duk Kim) opens his mouth, cheese falls out: "I know this because I must know." Glad you clarified that, Sparky. Another new character, the Merovingian (Lambert Wilson), drones on (in a French accent, yet) about causality. But the Wachowskis save the best for last, when Neo steps into a Kubrickian white room and meets the deus ex machina himself, the Architect (Helmut Bakaitis), whose professorial white beard dislodges things like "Which brings us at last to the moment of truth wherein the fundamental flaw is ultimately expressed and the anomaly revealed as both beginning and end." Would you like fries with that?

When it's not brooding Gnostically about determinism and what-have-you, *The Matrix Reloaded* does put the extra money on the screen. When Neo's dryly self-amused nemesis Agent Smith (Hugo Weaving) replicates himself, like a virus, to form a hundred-man army against Neo, the sequence is fun if a little too PlayStation-ish. The opening Trinity-and-agent bullet-time plummet is so good it's shown twice. And the fourteen-minute freeway chase has been and will be justly celebrated as one of the great concussive symphonies of force and momentum. *Reloaded* takes what I enjoyed in the original — the freaky eye candy — and cranks it up to 11. The stuff in between, I — and maybe you — can take or leave, unless you thrill to dialogue like "While it remains a burden assiduously avoided, it is not unexpected and thus not beyond a measure of control." Yeah. What he said.

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Daddy Day Care (PG) – 1:05, 3:10, 5:10, 7:15, 9:20
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A Mighty Wind (PG-13) – 9:35
Anger Management (PG-13) – 1:15, 3:40, 7:15, 9:35
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Daddy Day Care (PG) – 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 8:50
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• ACUSHNET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Beef tacos with all the fixings, ham sandwich, rice, fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday, May 28 – Chicken nuggets, bologna sandwich, rice, corn, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, May 29 – Hot dog on a roll, turkey sandwich, potato puffs, fresh fruit, milk.

Friday, May 30 – Stuffed crust pizza, tuna salad sandwich, salad dressing, tossed salad, fresh fruit, milk.

• COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no meals served).

Tuesday, May 27 – Chicken breast with supreme sauce, broccoli, rice Florentine, white bread, tropical fruit in light syrup.

Wednesday, May 28 – Stuffed cabbage, whipped potatoes, peas, whole wheat roll, birthday cake, graham waffle.

Thursday, May 29 – Turkey ham, mixed vegetables, fluffy rice, muffin bread, pineapple in light syrup.

Friday, May 30 – Swedish meatballs, noodles, Harvard beets, rye bread, oranges in light syrup.

• CENTER SCHOOL MATTAPOISETT

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Hamburger/ cheeseburger, crispy fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 28 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 29 – Steak'Um, chicken fillet, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 30 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, clam chowder, fruit, dessert, milk.

• FAIRHAVEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Cheesy macaroni twists, hamburger/cheeseburger, mac rib, tuna salad, Steak'Um and cheese sub, potato puffs, carrots, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Wednesday, May 28 – Kentucky style chicken, baked pork chop with gravy, shaved turkey and lettuce sub, hot ham and cheese, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled peaches, chilled pineapple.

Thursday, May 29 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, mac rib, grilled cheese sandwich, bologna and lettuce sub, oven fries, green beans, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, May 30 – Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna salad, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, raspberry jello with topping.

• FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Chicken nuggets with sauces, meatball grinder, grated mozzarella, "hero" grinder, potato puffs, baked beans, chilled peaches, chilled pineapple.

Wednesday, May 28 – Taco boat with all the fixings, chicken fajita wrap with salsa, open face hot pastrami, Spanish rice, corn niblets, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Thursday, May 29 – Roast turkey with gravy, baked glazed ham, caçoila grinder, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, chilled applesauce, strawberry jello with topping.

Friday, May 30 – Stuffed shells with sauce, grated mozzarella, garlic bread, shaved turkey/lettuce/tomato grinder, double grilled cheese, potato wedges, carrots, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.

• HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL, FAIRHAVEN

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Cheesy macaroni twists, steak and cheese grinder, Italian grinder, potato crunch fish nuggets with sauces, potato puffs, carrots, chilled pears, chocolate pudding with topping.

Wednesday, May 28 – Kentucky style chicken, baked pork chop with gravy, shaved turkey and lettuce sub, hot ham and cheese, rice pilaf, corn niblets, chilled peaches, chilled pineapple.

Thursday, May 29 – Spaghetti with meat sauce, grated mozzarella, mac rib, grilled cheese sandwich, "hero" sub, oven fries, green beans, chilled pears, chocolate chip cookie.

Friday, May 30 – Roast turkey with gravy, hamburger/cheeseburger, tuna salad, hot ham and cheese, whipped potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, mixed fruit, raspberry jello with topping.

• MEMORIAL SCHOOL ROCHESTER

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Hamburger/ cheeseburger, crispy fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 28 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 29 – Steak'Um, chicken fillet, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 30 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, clam chowder, fruit, dessert, milk.

• OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOKE HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Rib-a-que, French fries, corn, pineapple, spice cake.

Wednesday, May 28 – Vegetable soup, toasted ham and cheese, spicy fries, green beans, chocolate cake.

Thursday, May 29 – American chop suey, salad, roll, fruit, peanut butter cookie.

Friday, May 30 – Pizza, tuna, chips, peas, fruit, assorted dessert.

• OLD HAMMONDTOWN SCHOOL, MATTAPOISETT

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Hamburger/ cheeseburger, crispy fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 28 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 29 – Steak'Um, chicken fillet, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 30 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, clam chowder, fruit, dessert, milk.

• ORR JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Soup, chicken pattie, potato puffs, linguiça pattie, lettuce, tomato, pickle, dessert, juice or milk.

Wednesday, May 28 – Soup, American chop suey, chicken nuggets, green beans, garlic bread, dessert, juice or milk.

Thursday, May 29 – Soup, turkey taco, BBQ ribs, lettuce, tomato, nachos, cheese sauce, dessert, juice or milk.

Friday, May 30 – Soup, baked macaroni with cheese, baked chicken, McCrispy chicken, glazed carrots, roll, dessert, juice or milk.

• SIPPICAN SCHOOL MARION

Monday, May 26 – MEMORIAL DAY (no school).

Tuesday, May 27 – Hamburger/ cheeseburger, crispy fries, veggie sticks, fruit, dessert, milk.

Wednesday, May 28 – Beef ravioli, garlic bread, toasted cheese, soup, salad, fruit, dessert, milk.

Thursday, May 29 – Steak'Um, chicken fillet, oven fries, lettuce, tomato, fruit, dessert, milk.

Friday, May 30 – Cheese or pepperoni stuffed pizza, tuna roll, tossed salad, clam chowder, fruit, dessert, milk.

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Mattapoisett Wednesday Walk

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ORR Survival Experience

Once again, many of the Old Rochester Regional Junior High School seventh graders are preparing for the annual voluntary Survival Experience which is the culmination of their seventh grade curriculum. This year the trip will begin on Sunday, June 15 and continue through Saturday, June 21.

This will be the 31st annual happening of this well-known experience. It is estimated that over the previous 31 years there have been approximately 3,100

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INNER VIEWS

Democracy in Action

By Kenneth J. Souza
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The final vote was 142 to 15. It was an overwhelming mandate — *loud and clear* — the kind usually reserved for strong presentations made and/or sanctioned by a town board or committee.

Only in this case it resulted in the defeat of a town-sponsored measure and was due, in large part, to a last-minute, spur-of-the-moment grass-roots effort, spearheaded by a group of passionate and dedicated residents who wholeheartedly disagreed with the premise of spending $10,000 to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to seek "alternate" sources of revenue for the Town of Mattapoisett, to wit: the reopening of the sanitary landfill. Just when they thought the old wound had finally healed, the Board of Selectmen and Sanitary Landfill Study Committee were once again picking at that scab of contention. But this time they finally felt compelled to cry "Ouch!"

For those who are sometimes quick to dismiss the importance of attending Town Meeting or consider it futile to speak out against certain articles, you would do well to learn from the example of Richard Bates, Steve Clapp and Martin Hudis — just three of the Mattapoisett residents who expended their own time, money and energy prior to this week's Annual Town Meeting to collect facts and figures debunking Article 4, the aforementioned request for $10,000 to fund the so-called landfill RFP.

Although the Board of Selectmen had commissioned a seven-member Sanitary Landfill Study Committee to research this issue, residents weren't satisfied with their recommendation; and they were poised to dig a little deeper and speak their minds.

"I think we've always had a concern with respect to the quality of life issue here," said Richard Bates. "We're also aware that the landfill issue came up before — there were attempts to expand it before and the town wasn't supportive of it then."

Noting that the Sanitary Landfill Study Committee seemed intent only on generating revenue for the town, Mr. Bates was dismayed by the group's narrow focus. "I thought that looking at alternatives would truly bring in alternatives," he said. "That was really bothersome to me. When I saw an RFP, that bothered me."

Joining forces with Steve Clapp, who had been independently monitoring the quality of the town's water wells and who solicited a professional opinion from the Carr Research Laboratory, Inc. at his own expense, and Martin Hudis, who provided some much-needed technical expertise, the trio quickly garnered support from other like-minded residents and managed to pull together an impressive, fact-filled PowerPoint presentation over the weekend just prior to Town Meeting.

The thrust of their argument suggested that although reopening the landfill might bring in some additional revenue to town coffers, it would also likely increase the risk of further contaminating the town's water supply wells with dangerous levels of iron and manganese. To them, the cons simply outweighed the pros.

"I have to conclude that the landfill site has a significant probability of being an existing and future source of pollutants to existing water supply wells, and that the Tinkham Hill site cannot be recommended for a landfill expansion at this time," wrote Environmental Scientist Jerome B. Carr, Ph.D., in his findings to Mr. Clapp.

The result of all this hard work and data-collecting: 142 Mattapoisett voters sided with their findings and resoundly defeated Article 4.

"We were just happy to see that we got the support," explained Mr. Bates. "We weren't looking to vilify the quality of the water in town, we respect (Water/Sewer Superintendent William T. Nicholson) and everything he's done. The idea of opening the landfill now just seemed to be totally contrary to everything he's worked for in the past."

Ironically, earlier during that first night of Town Meeting, Finance Committee (FinCom) Chairman Richard Gamache, also a member of the Sanitary Landfill Study Committee, opposed the notion of using the $10,000 earmarked for Article 4 to pay for a part-time Conservation Agent.

When voters pointed out the article had not yet passed, he assured: "It will pass."

Guess it doesn't pay to underestimate the power of democracy in action.

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• Point Road – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – youths in street
• Spring Street – youths in street
• Nokomis Road – trespassing
• Stoney Run Lane – motor vehicle complaint
• River Road – animal complaint
• Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Spring Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• County Road – motor vehicle complaint
• Bayview Road – breaking and entering/past
• River Road – animal complaint
• Mansfield Avenue – breaking and entering/past
• Mill Street – annoying phone calls
• Route 195 East – assist other police department
• Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – parking violation
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Bass Point Road – annoying phone calls
• Island Wharf Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Rebecca Drive – suspicious activity
• Spring Street – found property
• Quelle Lane – larceny/past
• Front Street – parking violation
• Mill Street – animal complaint
• Spring Street – youths in street
• Front Street – animal complaint
• Point Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Point Road – disturbance
• Benson Brook Road – vandalism/past
• Bullivant Farm Road – animal complaint
• Wareham Road – animal complaint
• South Drive – vandalism/past
• Washburn Park Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Wareham Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Front Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Spring Street – officer wanted
• Delano Road – suspicious activity
• Spring Street – suspicious person
• Tupola Street – assist other police department
• Ryders Lane – animal complaint
• Barros Drive – family disturbance
• Pinewood Drive – noise complaint.

MATTAPOISETT

The following log excerpts are for the week of May 11, 2003 through May 19, 2003:

• Water Street – harbormaster emergency
• Homestead Court – assault
• Meadowbrook Lane – disturbance
• Holly Woods Road – motor vehicle accident
• Shore Drive – animal control
• Fairhaven Road – burglar alarm
• Prospect Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• North Street – suspicious activity
• Hilton Avenue – harassing/annoying phone calls
• Ned's Point Road – disabled motor vehicle
• Mahoney's Lane – animal control
• Pearl Street – disturbance
• Fairhaven Road – suspicious motor vehicle
• Water Street – parking violation
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• Marion Road – disturbance
• Marion Road – adult arrest
• North Street – suspicious motor vehicle
• Ned's Point Road – disturbance
• Marion Road – larceny/forgery/fraud
• North Street – motor vehicle violations
• Beech Wood Drive – suspicious motor vehicle
• Perry Avenue – citizen assist
• Acushnet Road – protective custody (adult)
• County Road – motor vehicle accident
• Sagamore Road – simple threats
• Marion Road – disturbance
• Water Street – suspicious persons
• Barstow Street – peace officer
• Melissa Anne Lane – suspicious persons.

ROCHESTER

The following log excerpts are for the week of May 12, 2003 through May 19, 2003:

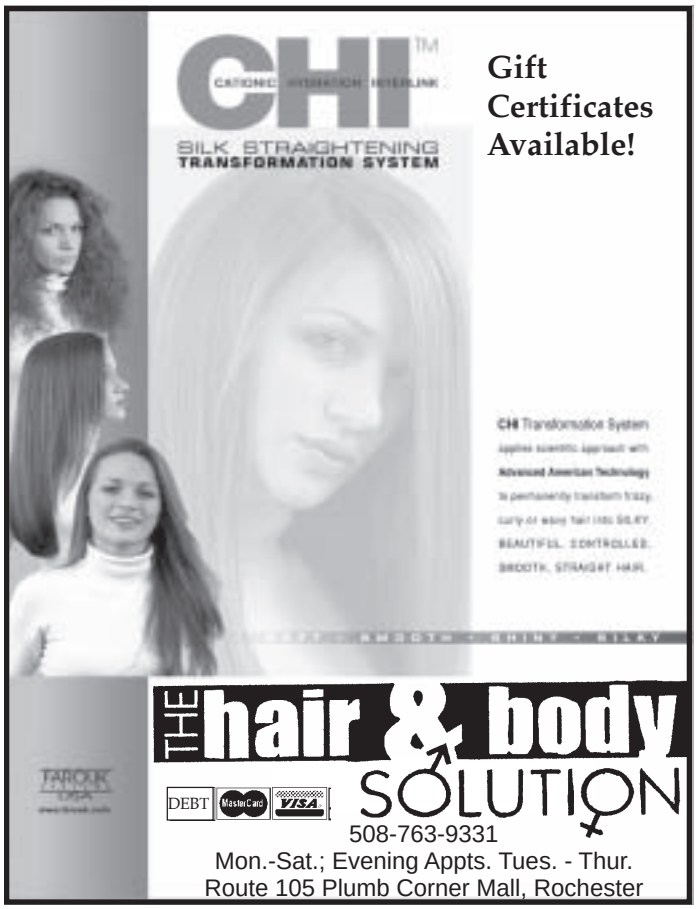
• Dexter Lane – adult arrest (operating with suspended license, no inspection sticker)
• Dexter Lane – adult arrest (failure to wear seat belt, operating with suspended license)
• Route 105 – adult arrest (warrant)
• Dexter Lane – adult arrest (marked lines violation, operating under the influence: second offense)
• Rounseville Road – littering
• Dexter Lane – found property
• North Avenue – officer wanted
• Snipatuit Road – by-law violation
• Snipatuit Road – assist other police department
• Mendell Road – traffic control
• Pierceville Road – assist other police department
• Mary's Pond Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
• Pine Street – parking complaint
• Marion Road – disabled motor vehicle
• Pine Street – traffic hazard
• Neck Road – traffic hazard
• Walnut Plain Road – suspicious person
• Neck Road – motor vehicle accident
• New Bedford Road – keep the peace
• North Avenue – traffic control
• Quaker Lane – suspicious activity
• Stuart Road – noise complaint
• Mattapoisett Road – motor vehicle accident
• Neck Road – assist other police department
• New Bedford Road – erratic operation of motor vehicle
• Snipatuit Road – larceny.

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Mattapoisett Woman's Club

Congratulations to the newly-elected officers of the Mattapoisett Woman's Club who were elected in April: President Janet White; Vice President Lois Ennis; Corresponding Secretary Carol Herndon; Treasurer Ellen Schneider; Assistant Treasurer Joan Loy; Recording Secretary Judith Lovolsi; and board members Patricia McCarthy (2006), Estelle Jacobson (2005), and Francis Cairns (2004). Please note: the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Garden Tour scheduled for this summer has been postponed for 2003. The club will see you at Harbor Days in July with their usual assortment of sweets and goodies.



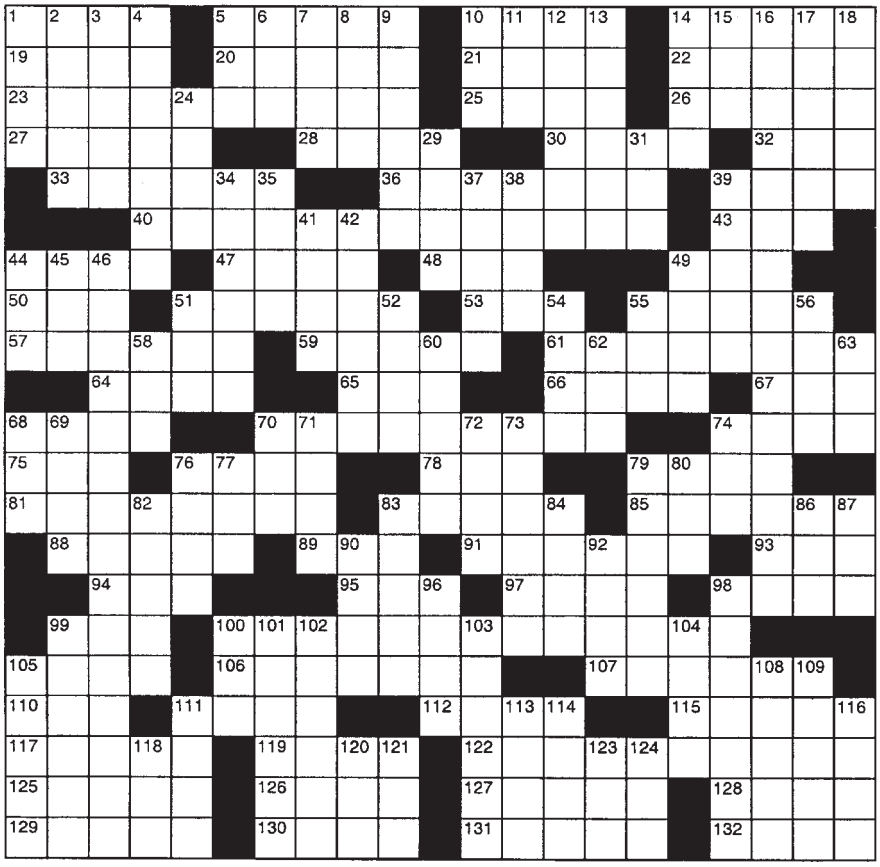


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40 Easter composer?
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44 "Dies —"
47 Keen
48 Sock part
49 Mozart's "Cosi — tutte"
50 "Pinocchio" frame
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57 Phillips — Academy
59 Grate stuff
61 Actress Ruehl
64 Gals' counterparts
65 Garage supply
66 Nastase of tennis
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68 Billboard
70 Easter comic?
74 "Git, Garfield!"
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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Although you might prefer moving forward at a steady pace, it might be a good idea to stop and reassess your plans. You could find a good reason to make a change at this time.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Just when you thought you had everything planned to the smallest detail, you get some news that could unsettle things. But a timely explanation helps put it all back on track.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Home and work continue to compete for your attention. But you handle it well by giving each its proper due. Someone you trust offers valuable advice. Listen to it.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Unsettling news creates a difficult but not impossible situation. Continue to follow your planned routine, but keep your mind open to a possible change down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Lick your wounded pride if you like, but it's a better idea to find out why your suggestions were rejected. What you learn could help you deal with an upcoming situation.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Feeling a bit listless? No wonder. You might be pushing too hard to finish everything on your to-do list. Cutting it down could help get your energy levels up.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Taking time out of your busy schedule might be the best way to handle that sensitive private matter. It will help reassure everyone involved about your priorities.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Insist on full disclosure by all parties before agreeing to be part of a "great deal." What you learn should help you decide whether to go with it or not.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your decision to protect the secret that was entrusted to you might irk some people. But it also wins you the admiration of those who value trust and loyalty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Creative activities take on a practical approach as you realize you might be able to market your work. Ask for advice from someone experienced in this area.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) If you're suddenly a bit unsure about your decision, ask trusted colleagues and/or friends or family members for suggestions that could help resolve your doubts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A workplace situation could get stormy. But stay on course until there's a solution that meets with everyone's approval, and things can finally calm down.

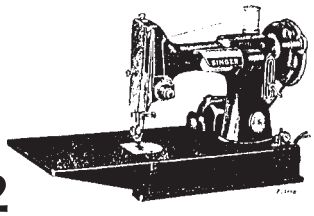
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The town currently has a Regional Recycling Coordinator, Marissa Perry, working on recycling efforts. The position is funded for a year through a grant from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Ms. Perry is spreading the recycling message throughout Acushnet, Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Rochester, and Marion. Efforts in Marion include ensuring that all municipal buildings recycle and developing flyers distributed through the water bills to all households. Also,



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Flushing will begin May 19 at 8:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m.
Flushing will be continued May 20 through June 20 during the daylight hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Discolored or red water may be expected along with periods of low water pressure in some areas.
Locations most likely to be affected are those south of Route 6 extending from Main Street east to Aucoot Road and including Crescent Beach, Point Connett, Holywoods, and Peases Point.
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William T. Nicholson, Superintendent 05/15 thru 06/19

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
PLANNING BOARD
The Marion Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, June 2, 2003 at 7:45PM in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House to consider the request by Zora Enterprises, Inc. for the release of lot 72 as shown on plan entitled "Subdivision of Land for Zora Enterprises, Inc. in Marion, MA dated July 16, 1987." Property is identified on Marion Assessors' Map 17 Lot 122 on Olde Meadow Road.
Peter F. Winters, Chairman 05/15, 05/22

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE #520 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2003, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of Anne Marie Fallon and Frederick Kracke for a special permit under Section 7.4.2 of the Zoning By-laws to allow the conversion of an accessory building into a rental apartment.
The property, at 58 Delano Road, is further identified as Lot 2A on Assessors' Plan 2.
Roger F. Blanchette, Chairman 5/15, 5/22

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CASE #519 The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2003, in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of John and Sandra Beck for a special permit under Section 6.1.5 of the Zoning By-laws to allow renovations to the dwelling on the existing footprint with a 2nd floor addition.
The property, at 17 River Road, is further identified as Lots 20E & 20P on Assessors' Plan 9.
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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at 7:10 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on a Notice of Intent submitted by ZORA ENTERPRISES, INC. to construct a single-family dwelling, a driveway, install underground utilities and perform site grading at Lot 5 Olde Sheepfield Road, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 05/22

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at 7:15 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on a Notice of Intent submitted by ZORA ENTERPRISES, INC. to construct a single-family dwelling, a driveway, install underground utilities and perform site grading at Lot 125 Olde Sheepfield Road, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 05/22

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at 7:20 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on a Request for a Determination of Applicability #41D-1142 submitted by ZORA ENTERPRISES, INC. to construct a single-family dwelling, a driveway, install underground utilities and perform site grading at Lot 126 Olde Sheepfield Road, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 17. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
Robert J. Merlino, Chairman 05/22

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TOWN OF MARION
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 4, 2003 at 7:30 PM in the main conference room of the Marion Town House on an Amendment to an Order of Conditions (SE41-861) issued to STEVE & DYAN WYMAN to construct a single-family dwelling with an attached garage and deck at Lot 20A Cross Neck Road, as shown on Marion Assessors' Map 7. The Amendment is to change the Applicant to JEFFREY E. & PAULA M. TOSCA, revise the house & driveway footprint, and construct a boulder retaining wall. Plans are available at the Town House for review.
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The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 at 9:00pm in the Town Hall on the Request for A Determination of Applicability submitted by Rebecca and Gary Fealy, 3 Oliver's Lane, Mattapoisett, MA 02739.
The proposed project is to install an above ground pool.
The project is located at 3 Oliver's Lane and is further described as Lot 129 on Assessor Map 11.
Conservation Commission 05/22

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF MARION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 19, 2003 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the application of Alan Minard & Nancy Johnson for a variance from 7.4.5, "Piers as an Accessory Use", paragraph 5; "The lot for which the permit is sought fully conforms with the current area and frontage requirements for the district in which it is located".
This variance request seeks relief from the frontage requirements of section7.4.5 paragraph 5, of the Zoning By-laws, to permit the Planning Board to issue a Special Permit for a Pier as an Accessory Use. The hardship exists becuse the existing shape of the property was not addressed in the definition of a "lot" in the Zoning By-laws and as a result of the re-zoning to Residence D.
The property, as 123 Allen's Pond Road, is further identified as Lot 43B on Assessors' Plan 6.
Roger R. Blanchette, Chairman 5/22, 5/29



Sippican School recently started recycling paper and the town now has a DEP-approved Recycling Program, which allows Marion to apply for several grants. Unfortunately, the grant programs are on hiatus.

To keep the trend going, the town has made some changes to its programs. Now residents can recycle corrugated cardboard at the curb. Flatten and place small boxes in the blue bin. Large boxes should be flattened, tied into bundles, and placed next to recycling bins.

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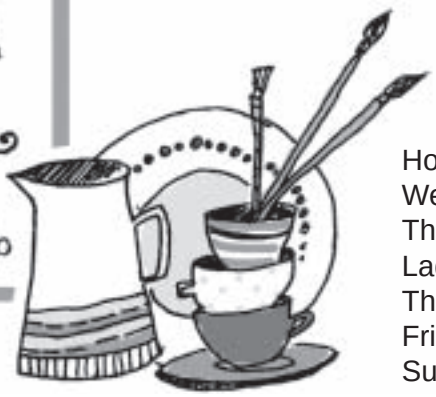
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Rep. Straus in Mattapoisett

State Representative William Straus (D-Mattapoisett) will hold district office hours at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging (COA) office in the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday, May 23 from 10:30 am to 11:30 am. No appointment is necessary.

Sippican Lands Trust

The Sippican Lands Trust welcomes all to a special meeting and Stilgoe's talk "Bogged Down and Not Noticing" at the Marion Music Hall.

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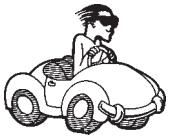
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July 1 will be the last program for the season. They'll resume scheduling in the fall. For more information, please e-mail **mfpl@sailsinc.org** or call 508-758-4171.

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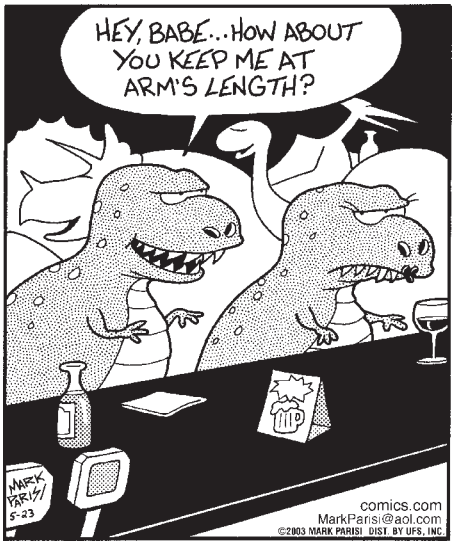
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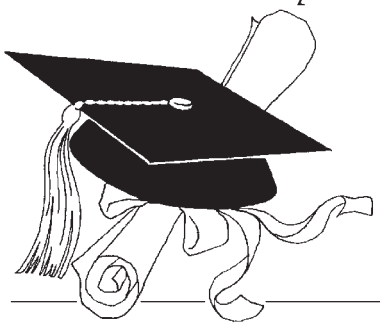
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May 22:	Thur.	1:47	2:17	8:19	8:17
May 23:	Fri.	2:45	3:16	9:24	10:07
May 24:	Sat.	3:45	4:14	10:07	11:00
May 25:	Sun.	4:43	5:09	10:36	11:39
May 26:	Mon.	5:37	5:58	11:04	. . .
May 27:	Tues.	6:24	6:41	12:09	12:01
May 28:	Wed.	7:05	7:19	12:43	12:11
May 29:	Thur.	7:43	7:55	1:18	12:49
May 30:	Fri.	8:20	8:29	1:56	1:29
May 31:	Sat.	8:56	9:03	2:35	2:09
June 1:	Sun.	9:35	9:39	3:14	2:48
June 2:	Mon.	10:15	10:19	3:51	3:27
June 3:	Tues.	11:00	11:04	4:29	4:08
June 4:	Wed.	11:46	11:51	5:05	4:49
June 5:	Thur.	. . .	12:36	5:45	5:37
June 6:	Fri.	12:43	1:27	6:32	6:35
June 7:	Sat.	1:37	2:20	7:29	7:47
June 8:	Sun.	2:34	3:16	8:32	9:10

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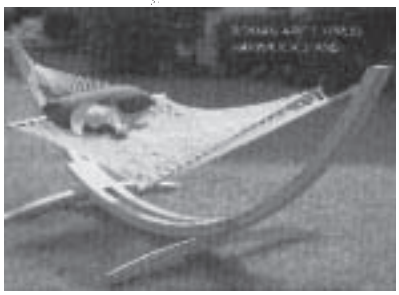


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